

New Goose Step for 65 Million Germans

Pictures upon this page of athletic manifestations of the youth movement in Nazi Germany are intended to convey to the outside world an impression of that country as some kind of a glorious new Sparta of rugged strength and freedom. The true story of Nazi Germany—land of rules, regulation, regimentation, meager living, fines, and dues—is a quite different story. It is told in part here.



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WHAT is National Socialism, or Nazism, Germany's institution of regimentation that hides behind a false front of insincere pagantry, mock enthusiasm, the youth movement, the storm troopers, and inspired pictures of flax-haired boys and girls leaping about in what is represented as happy play?

And what does National Socialism, or Nazism, mean in the lives of a vast majority of Germany's sixty-five million people? What follows is a conscientious effort to answer these questions, an effort based upon personal observations in Herr Hitler's Germany.

The everyday life of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen as you find it if you investigate it carefully may be more revealing than long treatises on the political and economical significance of Nazi creeds and theories.

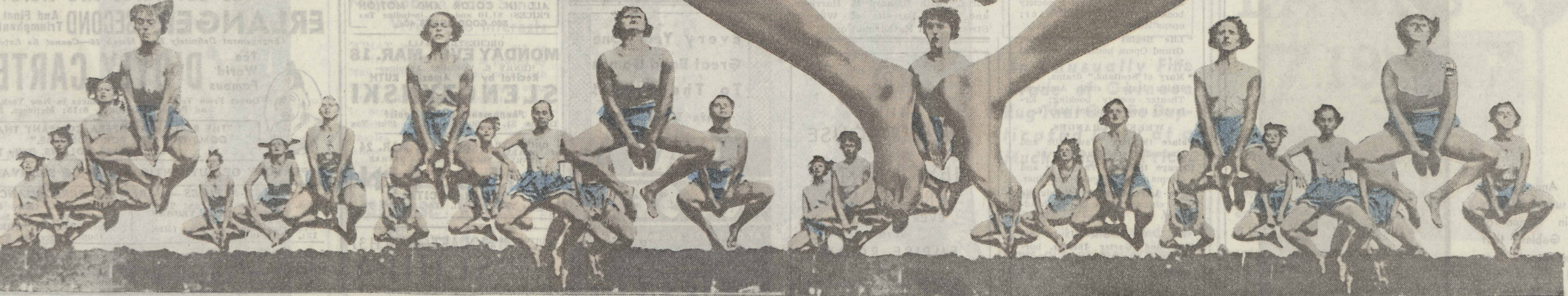
If you enter a German apartment house nowadays you will find a big blackboard in the hall with instructions, appeals, orders for all of the occupants of the house. A man specially appointed by the Nazi party sees to it that these orders are

carried out as exactly as possible in human society. He is the "blockward," or warden of the "block," responsible to the Nazi controller of the street, who in turn is responsible to a ward leader for whatever happens in the houses in the streets entrusted to his care.

The block warden is not chosen by his neighbors. He is appointed by Nazi superiors. Nazis in good standing living in "his" house may complain about him if his actions are improper, and occasionally they have an unsatisfactory man ousted and replaced by another Nazi appointee.

If he enjoys the special confidence of his party chiefs the warden may also be an "air protection warden," or, if he does not have time, another Nazi in good standing will take over these duties. Women anxious for the safety of their families will agitate most energetically to create "bombproof cellars" for the inhabitants of their houses.

In really big apartment houses there may [Continued on page eight.]



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